

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE A. CORNEJO-LOPEZ and  
ANGELO VIDALES,

Defendants.

**8:22-CR-92**

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF  
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court upon the Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture. [Filing 145](#). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On June 22, 2023, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Angelo Vidales and the defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted to the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment. [Filing 115](#); [Filing 120](#).
2. On July 17, 2023, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Jose A. Cornejo-Lopez and the defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted to the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment. [Filing 128](#); [Filing 129](#).
3. Count I charged the defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, in violation of [21 U.S.C. § 846](#).
4. The Forfeiture Allegation sought the forfeiture of \$3,500.00 in United States currency seized on or about December 10, 2021, on the basis that it was used to facilitate the offense, and/or

that the currency was derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the offense.

5. By virtue of said pleas of guilty, the defendants have forfeited their interest in the subject currency. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of said currency pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

6. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, [Filing 145](#), is granted;
2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Superseding Indictment and the pleas of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the \$3,500.00 in United States currency;
3. Defendants' interest in the \$3,500.00 in United States currency is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1);
4. The \$3,500.00 in United States currency is to be held by the government in its secure custody and control;
5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)., notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the government's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendants, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier;

6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the \$3,500.00 in United States currency, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the \$3,500.00 in United States currency and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought;

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the \$3,500.00 in United States currency as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified; and

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)](#), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023.

BY THE COURT:



Brian C. Buescher  
United States District Judge